







the pointing input device outputting push detection data together with the pointing position data, when the electric signal is outputted from the piezoelectric substrate and the push against the transparent protective plate is judged while the optical touch panel is detecting the pointing input;

wherein the piezoelectric substrate comprises a pair of piezoelectric substrates of narrow and elongated shape, and the piezoelectric substrates are attached to the transparent protective plate and are orthogonal to each other.

4. (Previously Amended) A pointing input device comprising:

a display panel for displaying any pointing input information on a display area thereof;

a transparent protective plate laminated on the display area of the display panel;

a piezoelectric substrate attached to the transparent protective plate, for converting deformation caused by a push against the transparent protective plate into an electric signal and outputting the electric signal; and

an optical touch panel disposed on the transparent protective plate, for emitting light beams for reticulately scanning an input operation area of the optical touch panel along orthogonal X and Y directions to detect a pointing input and a pointing input position in the input operation area when the light beams are intercepted by the pointing input, a display area of the input operation area being visible through the transparent protective plate,

